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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PROBLEM OF FANK REPLACEMENTS

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. ON JAN 15, ACCOMPANIED BY GENERAL PALMER, I CALLED ON PRESIDENT LON NOL TO ENLIST HIS SUPPORT FOR SUGGESTIONS TO STRENGTHEN FANK INTERVENTION UNITS THEREBY INCREASING FANK'S COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS AND CHANCES TO FACE SUCCESSFULLY THE SECOND ROUND OF FIGHTING IN THE CURRENT COMMUNIST DRY SEASON OFFENSIVE. I LEFT WITH THE MARSHAL A BRIEF PAPER IN FRENCH AS A REMINDER OF WHAT ACTIONS WE THINK ARE NECESSARY TO FILL UP THE INTERVENTION BRIGADES, MANY OF WHICH ARE PRESENTLY AT LESS THAN 50 PERCENT EFFECTIVE STRENGTH. I ALSO POINTED OUT THAT MANY INTERVENTION BATTALIONS AVERAGE ONLY 250 MEN AS COMPARED TO THE 512 MEN AUTHORIZED.

2. I SUGGESTED FOUR POSSIBLE ACTIONS TO BUILD UP THE STRENGTH OF THE INTERVENTION UNITS:

A) INCORPORATE ELIGIBLE PERSONNEL FROM THE PHNOM PENH AUTO DEFENSE FORCES (DLDS) INTO TERRITORIAL UNITS, THEREBY FREEING PERSONNEL FOR ASSIGNMENT TO INTERVENTION UNITS. THESE DLDS MEMBERS HAVE DE FACTO DEFERMENT STATUS FOR CONSCRIPTION. ESTIMATED POTENTIAL MANPOWER FROM  
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THIS SOURCE IS 10,000.

B) TRANSFER EXCESS PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO NON-INTERVENTION UNITS (I.E. RMS, QG/AA, CARP, MILITARY REGION HEADQUARTERS) TO INTERVENTION UNITS. ESTIMATED MANPOWER POTENTIAL IS 10,000.

C) REQUIRE MR'S TO FURNISH THE EQUIVALENT OF TWO BRIGADES (APPROXIMATELY 8 BATTALIONS) TO BE DEPLOYED IN THE LESS ACTIVE AREAS AROUND PHNOM PENH, THEREBY FREEING INTERVENTION BRIGADES TO BE USED AS A RESERVE. SPECIFIC AREAS FOR PROVIDING THESE TERRITORIAL TROOPS ARE BATTAMBANG, PURSAT, KOMPONG CHHNANG, SVAY RIENG, AND KOMPONG THOM.

D) ROUND UP IN PHNOM PENH DESERTERS AND OTHER MILITARY PERSONNEL ABSENT FROM THEIR MILITARY UNITS AND ENFORCE STRICT MILITARY DISCIPLINE.

3. THE MARSHAL REPLIED THAT HE HAD BEEN THINKING VERY MUCH ALONG THE SAME LINES AND HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED SOME OF THESE IDEAS WITH THE COMMANDER OF THE PHNOM PENH SPECIAL SECTOR, BGENERAL CHHIM CHHUON. IN ORDER TO BE MORE PERSUASIVE WITH HIS OWN MILITARY, THE MARSHAL ASKED GENERAL PALMER TO PROVIDE HIM WITH A TABLE SETTING FORTH THE AUTHORIZED STRENGTH FOR EACH INTERVENTION BATTALION AND COMPARING IT WITH ACTUAL STRENGTH. ARMED WITH THIS INFORMATION HE WILL THEN TRY TO GET REPLACEMENTS TO FILL UP THE INTERVENTION BATTALIONS. (THIS INFO WAS GIVEN TO THE MARSHAL FOLLOWING DAY.)  
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